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## SOUTH DAKOTA CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

SIOUX FALLS, SD, June 30, 2014 – For the week ending June 29, 2014, cool temperatures and wide spread rain showers dominated the weather pattern across most areas of the state, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Statewide, there were 3.8 days suitable for fieldwork. Topsoil moisture supplies rated 0 percent very short, 3 short, 79 adequate, and 18 surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies rated 0 percent very short, 5 short, 84 adequate, and 11 surplus.

**Field Crops Report:** Winter wheat condition rated 0 percent very poor, 5 poor, 25 fair, 62 good, and 8 excellent. Headed was 97 percent, ahead of 89 last year and the five-year average of 94. Winter wheat coloring was 31 percent, well ahead of 3 last year but behind 38 average.

Spring wheat condition rated 0 percent very poor, 2 poor, 24 fair, 66 good, and 8 excellent. Spring wheat jointed was 90 percent. Headed was 57 percent, ahead of last year at 48, but behind 63 average.

Oat conditions rated 0 percent very poor, 0 poor, 15 fair, 76 good, and 9 excellent. Oats jointed was 90 percent. Oats headed was 75 percent, ahead of 55 last year and 66 average.

Barley condition rated 0 percent very poor, 0 poor, 22 fair, 65 good, and 13 excellent. Barley jointed was 90 percent. Headed was 41 percent, behind 61 last year and the average of 53.

Corn condition rated 1 percent very poor, 2 poor, 18 fair, 66 good, and 13 excellent. Corn silking was 2 percent, near 0 last year and 1 average.

Soybeans condition rated 1 percent very poor, 4 poor, 21 fair, 66 good, and 8 excellent. Soybeans emerged was 96 percent, ahead of last year at 94 and equal to the average. Soybeans blooming was 15 percent, ahead of 0 last year and 7 average.

Sorghum condition rated 0 percent very poor, 0 poor, 8 fair, 85 good, and 7 excellent. Sorghum was 96 percent planted, near 99 last year and average of 98. Sorghum emerged was 76 percent, behind 84 last year and 88 average.

Sunflowers planted were 85 percent, behind both last year and average at 93. Sunflowers emerged was 57 percent.

Alfalfa hay conditions rated 0 percent very poor, 2 poor, 21 fair, 57 good, and 20 excellent. Alfalfa hay first cutting was 65 percent complete, behind 69 last year and 74 average. Second cutting was 3 percent complete.

**Livestock, Pasture and Range Report:** Pasture and range conditions rated 0 percent very poor, 1 poor, 14 fair, 61 good, and 24 excellent.

Stock water supplies were 0 percent very short, 5 percent short, 83 percent adequate, and 12 percent surplus.

*Data for this news release were provided at the county level by USDA Farm Service Agency, SDSU Extension Service and other reporters across the state.*

Access the National publication for Crop Progress and Condition tables at:

<http://usda.mannlib.cornell.edu/usda/nass/CropProg//2010s/2014/CropProg-06-30-2014.pdf>

Access the High Plains Region Climate Center for Temperature and Precipitation Maps at:

[http://www.hprcc.unl.edu/maps/current/index.php?action=update\\_region&state=SD&region=HPRCC](http://www.hprcc.unl.edu/maps/current/index.php?action=update_region&state=SD&region=HPRCC)

Access the U.S. Drought Monitor at:

<http://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/Home/StateDroughtMonitor.aspx?SD>